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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is provided to address the Final Office Action mailed on October 29, 2004. This reply is also accompanied by a formal Request for Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136.

Claims 1 – 3 and 9 – 11 were rejected. Claims 4 – 8 and 12 – 13 were objected to. Claims 14 – 19 were allowed.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1 – 3 and 9 – 11 and have amended claims 4 – 8 and 12 – 13. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 4 – 8 and 12 – 19 now stand in condition for allowance.